

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A drill bit comprising:

a shaft having a proximal end with a first opening, and a distal end with a beveled cutting surface and a second opening, wherein the beveled cutting surface comprises a slot;

a lumen inside the shaft that extends between first and second openings, and that receives debris entering the first opening as a result of operation of the cutting surface ~~a third opening through which at least some of the debris exits the shaft.~~

15. (currently amended) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the ~~third opening~~ slot is contiguous with the second opening.

16. (currently amended) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the ~~third opening~~ slot is distanced ~~from the second opening at a distal end from the first opening.~~

17. (currently amended) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the ~~third opening~~ slot is axially extended from the second opening ~~comprises an axially extending slot.~~

18. (previously presented) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the shaft is substantially smooth.

19. (previously presented) A method of injecting a substance into a bone, comprising:
using a drill bit according to claim 14 to drill a hole in the bone;
injecting the substance into the proximal opening.

20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, comprising using a hypodermic needle to inject the substance.

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the substance comprises a medication.

22. (new) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the shaft is disposed in an elongated hub.

23. (new) The drill bit of claim 22, wherein the lumen is extended from proximal and distal ends of the hub.

24. (new) The drill bit of claim 14, wherein the slot through which at least some debris exists from the shaft.